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Attached is our Response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2005 regarding the above-referenced patent application.

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Examiner: Douglas Mazzuca, Jr.

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Group Art Unit: 3726

Title: SELF-ATTACHING FEMALE FASTENER ELEMENT AND
METHOD OF INSTALLATION

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

The following is responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2005.

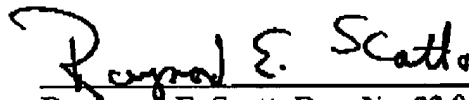
The Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group I drawn to a method for installing a self-attaching female fastener in a metal panel, Claims 1 to 11. This election is made *with traverse* because the limitations of Claims 12 to 14 of Group II drawn to a self-attaching fastener are also in Claims 1 to 11. Thus, the claimed method of installing the self-attaching fastener as defined in Claims 1 to 11 *cannot be made* without the self-attaching fastener of Claims 12 to 14, and the Restriction Requirement is improper.

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Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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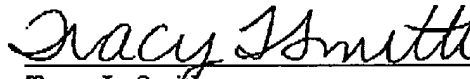


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